

Census 2020

**You**  
**count.**  
**Be**  
**counted.**



# 10

minutes  
questions  
years



# Your participation is important to the future of our state.

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census counts everyone living in the United States.

Make sure you are counted. It ensures Washington receives its fair share of federal dollars for vital community programs – public safety, health care, education and transportation – that affect you and your family.

In 2016, Washington received \$16.7 billion in federal assistance based on data collected during the 2010 census.

The census also determines the number of representatives each state has in Congress, which makes a difference when it comes to issues important to Washingtonians.

Your household will answer just 10 questions online, by phone, or by filling out paper form regarding the people who live in your household as of **April 1, 2020**.

You will **not** be asked if you are a citizen of the United States.

The information you provide is **confidential**. It will not be shared with anyone under penalty of law.

## Be counted. Your community is counting on you.



# Who uses the census?

Government to pay for everything including health care, education, affordable housing, senior care, rural assistance and fire stations.

Commissions that draw voting boundaries for everything from local elections to the state legislature to Congress.

Businesses deciding where to build factories, offices and stores.

Citizens and citizen organizations identifying community needs, requesting funding for programs and putting forth community initiatives involving quality-of-life issues and consumer advocacy.

Developers when deciding where to undertake commercial or housing projects.

Local governments to plan public safety and to prepare for emergencies.

Transportation planners to determine public transit routes and the location of roads and bridges.

**Make the 2020 census count for Washington.**



# 10 minutes 10 questions 10 years

It takes just 10 minutes to answer 10 questions that will shape investments in your community for 10 years.

## Census Facts

In 2016, Washington received \$16.7 billion in federal funds or \$2,319 per person.



**\$8.5 billion**  
for health programs



**\$2.4 billion**  
for education



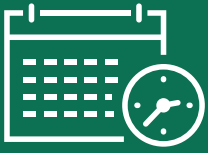
**\$1 billion**  
in transportation  
planning and  
construction



**\$.5 billion**  
for rural assistance

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# You will receive an invitation in the mail

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone. Online and phone questionnaires are available in English and 12 non-English languages.

## On or between:

## You'll receive in your home mail box:

**March 12-20**

An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census.  
*(Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)*

**March 16-24**

A reminder letter.

## If you haven't responded yet:

**March 26-April 3**

A reminder postcard.

**April 1**

**Census Day**

**April 8-16**

A reminder letter and a paper questionnaire.

**April 20-27**

A final reminder postcard before the U.S. Census Bureau follows up in person.



# Count yourself

Where you live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020.

## Your 2020 census responses are safe and secure and protected by law.

The Census Bureau will not share your responses with any court or other government agency, including the FBI, ICE or the Department of Homeland Security.

For the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will **NEVER**:

- Email you
- Ask for your full Social Security number, your mother's maiden name, your bank account information, money, or anything on behalf of a political party.
- Ask to come into your home.
- Threaten you with arrest if you do not comply.

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